

Rain May Hamper Gridiron Strategy In Duck-Gael Tilt

With every weather prediction pointing toward a soggy turf this weekend, the Oregon Ducks may have to live up to their nickname in Saturday's game with the St. Mary's Gaels at Hayward field.

Jim Aiken took advantage of a wet afternoon yesterday, drilling his team with a slippery ball. Twenty-point favorites to win, the Webfoots have probably saved something for the rainy day that's in the offing.

The Oregon squad, on top of Pacific Coast Conference standings, will be after a fifth conference victory, while the Saints are still looking for win number three of the season.

Wet Ball in Offing

If Oregon rain does descend upon Hayward field Saturday, Aiken may change his offensive tactics. A wet ball would probably cut down Norm Van Brocklin's passing efficiency, but the Hayward turf is firm enough to offer fair footing for swift halfbacks.

The terrific trio — George Bell, Johnny McKay, and Woodley Lewis—should run up plenty of Oregon yardage, while Van Brocklin and Bob Sanders are doing their parts at quarter and fullback.

Gaels Out For Upset

Gael Coach Joe Verducci has a few halfbacks of his own, and many believe that Spike Cordeiro and mates are out for a major upset.

Aiken hasn't been overlooking this possibility, since this week's Duck drills have stressed the defense. The Gaels have a good passer in Dick Jarvis, and some fast ends and halfbacks to receive his aerials.

No major changes in the Oregon lineup are likely for the St. Mary's game. Even though McKay is ready for full duty, Lewis will probably start at left half. Bell at right half, Sanders at fullback, and Van Brocklin at quarterback completes the Duck offensive backfield.

Last Home Game

The starting Oregon forward wall will be the same, with only the customary offensive and defensive substitutions.

Ten Webfoot seniors will play

their final home game this Saturday. Jim Aiken Jr., Wayne Bartholemy, Jim Berwick, Keith DeCoursey, Brad Ecklund, Dan Garza, Ben Holcomb, Don Stanton, Dick Wilkins, and Win Wright are to be graduated this year or have completed their eligibility.

Webfoot Cagers Hold Scrimmage

Scrimmage was the order of the day for varsity basketball aspirants at McArthur court yesterday, with John Warren sending his squad through rugged action.

Stars of the afternoon were Bob Don and transfer Paul Sowers in the point-making department and veteran Roger Wiley under the boards. Don, a 6-foot, 5-inch letterman, and Sowers, a junior from Vanport, were hitting consistently.

Sowers, Don Hot

In the first scrimmage of the afternoon, Don, Sowers, Wiley, Bob Lavey and Kenny Seeborg downed Paul Cooper, Lynn Hamilton, Jerry Switzer, Johnny Neeley and Dick Unis 18-4.

The same five won the second scrimmage, but only 8-4, facing a stubborn defense from Jim Bocchi, Rod Slade, Bob Amacher, Leroy Coleman and Don Peterson.

Hamilton, Cooper and crew came back to beat Jack Keller, Dale Warburg, Will Urban, Roger Mockford and Art Milne 8-6.

Lynn Hamilton and Johnny Neeley both dropped in four points as the winners of the third scrimmage won again, 10-8.

In the final session, Keller led his mates to a 12-8 victory by scoring six points against Bob Charlton, Darrell Hawes, Gordon Wilson, Dan Cudahy and Eddie Artzt.

He Meets a Bell of St. Mary's



FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS—That will be a pretty important question this Saturday, when Oregon collides with St. Mary's, because George Bell will be out there trying to toll for the Webfoots, and another Bell will be doing the same thing for the Gaels. Just what team gets the benefit of their efforts may have a bearing on the final outcome.

Odell Says Huskies Need Touchdowns

SEATTLE, Oct. 28 — (AP) — Head Coach Howie Odell, who made his first trip of the season to the University of Washington practice field yesterday, observed today:

"There's nothing wrong with the Huskies that a few touchdowns would not cure."

"I never saw any better spirit in practice, nor is there any lack of willingness on the part of the players," Odell said.

"All the team needs is to break out with some touchdowns to prove to itself it has the scoring punch. I hope that outbreak comes about 2:30 p.m. Saturday while the Washington-Stanford game is going on at Palo Alto."

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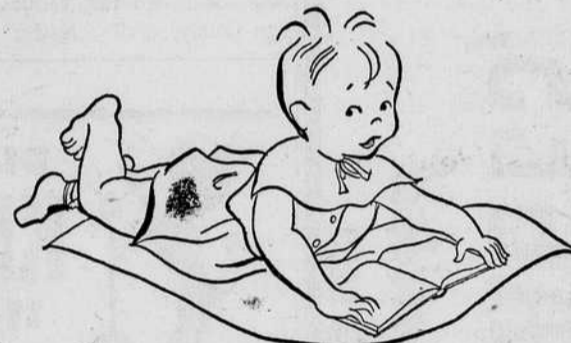
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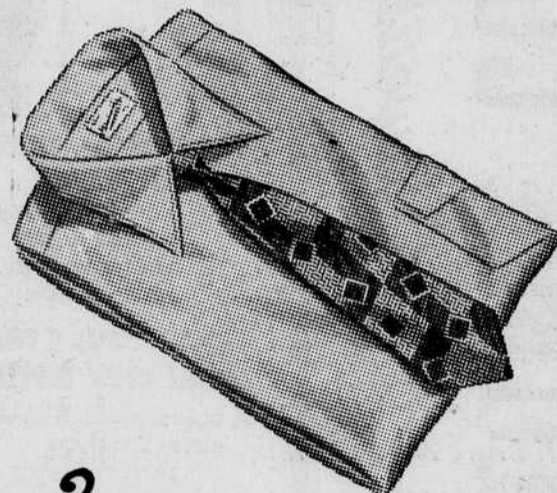
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